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Chilean President Pinochet's choice of a highly respected retired army general to head the National Center for Information appeared to be another effort by the military regime to enhance its human rights image

and improve relations with the US. The center was formed in August to replace the notorious National Intelligence Directorate (DINA). There were also some seemingly regressive moves in November, however. These involved the internal exile of seven union leaders and the denial of reentry to three Chilean women who had sought foreign assistance in locating missing relatives.

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In Argentina, the former editor of La Opinion, Jacobo Timmerman, was placed under the Institutional Responsibility Act. This means that he loses all civil rights and can be held in jail indefinitely.

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The Uruguayan Council of State approved a law transferring pardon authority from the judiciary to the executive.

The commander of military police in Sao Paulo, Brazil, publicly announced that he had discharged and arrested seven military policemen accused of fatally beating three prisoners detained for nonpolitical reasons.

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